



# Ocean wave

## December 2021

SELF-WORTH

ENGAGEMENT

PURPOSE

### Message from the Executive Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where has the time gone! Another busy term where our whole school community has shown our learning skill of RESPECT in abundance. Next term, we will be focusing on **INDEPENDENCE** – please encourage your child to be as independent as possible at home (and I know as a parent, this is easier said than done at times!)

Christmas spirit has been in full swing with parties, lunch, carol singing and a poetry competition! A huge thankyou to Mrs Cope for organising the competition and to the CPTA for supplying the prizes. The winners can be seen below!

The CPTA are planning on selling your unwanted Christmas gifts in January – please send them into school from 10-14 January. Look out for details of the sale in January 2022.

Thank you so much to all the parents and carers who joined us for the carol singing, the children really sang their hearts out! It is always lovely to welcome our community into the academy and fingers crossed we can increase these opportunities next year, for example the Parent Forum mentioned that parents really liked the curriculum 'drop in' sessions that were in place before COVID which gave parents and carers the opportunity to come in on a more flexible basis. Let's hope a new year brings new possibilities.

I will also be looking for **Parent Ambassadors** next term to help promote the academy far and wide so please look out for further information next year! Admission to Ocean for Year 3 September 2022 is still open – please tell your friends how amazing we are!

I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and we look forward to welcoming you all back on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Best wishes

*J. Quarrie*

Mrs J Quarrie



## Christmas Poetry Competition

Congratulations to everyone who submitted a poem for the Christmas poem competition. It was a very difficult decision but the results are as follows:

### Year 3

1st Imogen L

### Year 4

1st Sadie R  
2nd Sofia S  
3rd Rosie H



### Year 5

1st Tia B  
2nd Harvey O  
3rd Loviise k



### Year 6

1st Ellie V  
2nd Maya Louise R  
3rd Ava Lilly P



Congratulations to all!

## Inclement weather



### School opening and closure procedures in the event of snow

At Ocean Academy we have a robust process in place in the event of very inclement weather and this is a good time to remind students and their parents of the procedures for informing you about a possible school closure.

We are very keen that the school should remain open as we do not want to disrupt learning wherever possible. School will close if:

- It is dangerous for staff/children to get to/from school or it is dangerous at school
- A majority of staff are unable to get to school
- Roads are unsafe

Procedures that will be used to keep parents and students informed:

- By far the best way to keep yourself up to date is check the Ocean Academy website. Our website is updated regularly. It will not only say if the school is closed but, on days where there is any doubt, will confirm that the school is open if this is the case. The advantage of the school website is that specific staff can update it, even when they cannot get to school themselves. Information will be posted onto the website by 7.30am
- We will send a text and email by Teachers 2 Parents informing you if the school is closed
- Wave 105 will broadcast a list of any schools that are closed; taken directly from 'Dorset for You' to ensure accuracy

- If parents or students phone the school, we will try to answer the phone but the website and Teachers 2 Parents is the most reliable method as staff may not have been able to get to school
- If during the school day, the weather causes us to make a decision to close the school early, our website will have up to date information. You will be sent a text/email as soon as the decision has been made
- The Aspirations South Coast District CEO will be informed to ensure all decisions are in the best interests of all staff and students

It is essential during these winter months that children have their coats at school please, so children can wrap up before they go outside at break and lunchtime.

### Elfridges

The CPTA would like to thank the children and parents for supporting the wonderful Elfridges. Emma, Tara, Sharon and the CPTA children have done a wonderful job running this all week. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with wrapping the presents – this showed real commitment! The children loved selecting their presents and it was such a lovely way to enjoy pre-Christmas fun! An amazing total was raised £1787. We are aiming to buy another 30 ipads! Thank you!



### Year 3 Updates

Wow, what an amazing first term we have had at Ocean Academy. In English, we consolidated our learning on simple and multi-clauses sentences and have been working hard to use a variety of sentence types within our descriptive writing. This half term we have enjoyed reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl. We used the text as inspiration to complete our independent writing where we wrote gruesome descriptions of Mr Twit. In maths, we have been developing and securing our understanding of addition and subtraction. We learnt how to use the column methods for addition and subtraction including exchanging. Well done Year 3 for showing resilience and using a Growth Mind-set as this was a little challenging to begin with! In Science, we have been learning about forces and magnets. We carried out our first investigation looking at friction and enjoyed looking at how friction affected the distance travelled by a car. Also, we enjoyed using magnets in class to identify if objects were magnetic and designed and built our own models as our final product that could sort materials using a magnet. The children are now confident in naming the metals which are magnetic and understand that not all metals are magnetic. The highlight of this term was being able to sing our Christmas carols to parents, we thoroughly enjoyed performing and being in our Christmas jumpers.



### The Year 3 Team

## Year 4 Updates

We cannot believe that we are at the end of the Autumn term already! Year 4 have continued to work so hard and use a growth mind-set when faced with any challenge.

This half term, the children have thoroughly enjoyed their Rock Band topic, especially when creating their own computer code to program a micro: bit for their 3D Rock Band stage. In science, the children have loved learning about electricity, different power sources and investigating different materials as electrical conductors. In classes, we have had many insightful discussions about how to stay safe around electricity.

In English, we have been learning about adjectives and the children are growing in confidence to use a thesaurus to expand their vocabulary choices. More recently, the children wrote their own adventure stories based on 'The Lost Thing', which they enjoyed sharing with each other.

In maths, we have been learning about negative numbers and the addition formal method, whilst also revising previous learning through daily arithmetic sessions. The children are continuing to make great progress in learning their times tables. Please keep practising these with your child at home - it is such an important skill and is used frequently in our maths learning. *TTRockstars* is an excellent resource that can be used at home to do this.

What a fantastic term, Year 4! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!



## Year 4 Team

## Year 5 Updates

It has been another brilliant term for year 5 and we have been delighted to see the children going from strength to strength!

Following our work throughout the half term on expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and speech punctuation, the children have completed their independent writes – based around the book 'Cosmic' which we have continued to thoroughly enjoy! – and it has been great to see how they have worked hard to apply all the skills they have been learning.

Maths has seen us make some great progress on developing our multiplication skills, as well as our ability to apply them to problem questions, and then we have moved on to consider area and perimeter, including looking at how to use the skills with some more complicated shapes made out of multiple rectangles!

The children have enjoyed our 'Rocketman' science topic, developing some great understanding of different types of forces, experimenting with lots of them, and culminating in our water-powered rocket-making day, with some impressive launches taking place out on the school field! We also spent time exploring pulleys, levers and gears and designing some inventive Rube Goldberg-style contraptions which could utilise them! The children have also been getting arty, designing and making some fantastic Mayan masks, to whet our appetites for our full topic on the Mayans next half term!

All in all, this has been a really great first term of the year for the children, and we have been really impressed with all their achievements so far. Thank you too for all your support throughout. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break, and look forward to seeing you all again in 2022!



## Year 5 Team

## Year 6 Updates

As the Autumn term draws to a close, Year 6 have proven themselves to be the hard-working, respectful role-models that inspire the best in their peers across the school. At the back of Barracudas' classroom, in huge, blue letters, it reads, 'DREAM BIG... WORK HARD!'. Pupils are showing us more and more that they understand that they are in charge of their own learning and regardless of their current ability, given the right attitude, they will progress in their learning. Our learning skill throughout the first part of the Spring term is 'Independence', a skill that will serve pupils well in secondary school and throughout life.

Pupils have made good progress towards the SATs exams. We have a resilient, hard-working year group and these qualities are conducive to academic progress. I often remind children of the importance of regular times table practice and reading daily; the benefits of both extend far beyond maths and English lessons. Please continue to encourage your child to read and practice their tables at home every day!

Pupils have enjoyed their science topic where they revisited and revised prior learning on the topic of electricity. We explored circuits and answered our hypotheses, which varied from pupil-to-pupil. Some wanted to see if the amount of voltage in a circuit affected the output of a component whilst others chose to vary the amount of components to see if it affected the output of others. Pupils also learned that safety is key in science experiments when some were informed that they were not allowed to daisy-chain 25 batteries to see if a light bulb would explode. Joking aside, the pupils practised the scientific method and had a fun, engaging afternoon. All equipment remains intact!

The Year 6 team would like to thank you for your support throughout the autumn term and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year!



## Year 6 Team

## School Office reminders



Mrs Burry and Mrs Fudge wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year! You can book for the whole term or at least a half term if you wish but please save the basket each week. Let us know or order any school uniform items you require using School Money and we will deliver them to your child the next day.

We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5 January 2022!

## Carol singing



Thank you for joining us for festive singing, hot chocolate and mince pies!

## Golden Book Winners



Congratulations to all the winners!

<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Sharks</u>	<u>Seahorses</u>	<u>Dolphins</u>
3 Dec 21	Dexter/Aimee	Sienna/Jewel	Logan/Joshua
10 Dec 21	Mason/Dennis	Devon/Isaac	Elise/Mason
<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Penguins</u>	<u>Turtles</u>	
3 Dec 21	Georgia/Mia	Summer/Poppie	
10 Dec 21	Warren/Leon	Evie/Finlay	
<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Orcas</u>	<u>Seals</u>	<u>Piranhas</u>
3 Dec 21	Jake/Izzy	Melodi/Amelia	Bradley/Trey
10 Dec 21	Joshua/Phoebe	Ella/Larissa	Anna/Sam
<u>Year 6</u>	<u>Barracudas</u>	<u>Swordfish</u>	<u>Stingrays</u>
3 Dec 21	Thomas/Jacob	Maya/Taya	Saffie/Candice
10 Dec 21	Zac/Ben	Blake/Daisy	Aaron/Leon

## Sports report

### School Sport:

This term, our pupils have competed in all four PEDSSA cross country events. The children represented Ocean brilliantly with some incredible team and individual performances.

**Girls team: 4th place out of 16 teams.**

**Boys team: 9th place out of 17 teams.**

Well done to all of the athletes who took part in these events and also to all of our athletics squad members for pushing each other to get better.

We have also played in a number of competitive & friendly fixtures in both boys' and girls' football fixtures.

The children were a credit to our school in all of these fixtures and, win or lose, they showed incredible humility and resilience.

Both of the boys' and girls' teams have progressed through to the knockout stages of their respective league - a huge achievement. Well done to everyone in our football squads for playing your part in this success!

On top of this, our girls' team have also progressed to the county finals after competing and placing 2nd in a Poole schools football tournament. This was postponed and will now take place in the Spring term!

### Football results:

**Ocean Girls Vs Manorside: 11 - 2 (W)**

**Ocean Girls Vs Baden Powell: 7 - 4 (W)**

**Ocean Girls Vs Longfleet: 1 - 3 (L)**

**Ocean Boys Vs Baden Powell: 7 - 4 (W)**

**Ocean Boys Vs St Mary's: 5 - 2 (W)**

**Ocean Boys Vs Longfleet: 4 - 2 (W)**

**Ocean Boys Vs Bayside: 7 - 2 (W)**



## Asda Christmas donation

Asda in Poole have donated boxes of treats to some of our families for children at Christmas. Our very own Christmas Elf (Mrs C-Simpson – Pastoral Support manager) has delivered them – thanks Asda!



## Attendance

<u>Year</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>
Year 3	Dolphins	95.72
	Seahorses	94.88
	Sharks	94.05
Year 4	Penguins	96.70
	Turtles	91.67
Year 5	Orcas	96.79
	Seals	95.83
	Piranhas	97.25
Year 6	Barracudas	93.25
	Stingrays	96.76
	Swordfish	90.25

The whole school attendance is 95.44% Thank you for supporting us at the school with attendance. Congratulations Piranhas – you top the leader board!!



## Diary Dates - CPTA

*24/25 January 2022: Bring in unwanted Christmas gifts to sell*

*26th Jan - CPTA will sell the gifts after school*

*14th Feb: Cake sale after school. Children bring cakes in to be sold after school. Pupils can wear red or pink top (school uniform bottom half) as a mufti for bringing in cakes.*

*1st March: Pancake toss on the field - 50p a go. The furthest pancake tosses wins a prize!*

*25th March: Mufti day - bring in Easter eggs for Bunny Bingo ( in school!!)*

*1st April: Bunny Bingo - in school 5-7pm*

*25th April: Art week. Pupils bring in their art work all week and CPTA will sell it after school on Friday 29th April*

*13th May: Adults only quiz night, doors open (in school) at 6.30pm for a 7pm start.*

*8th July: Mufti day for the summer fair*

*18th June: Leavers picnic on the school field (time TBC)*

*16th July: Summer fair*



## Diary Dates

17 December **End of term 1pm** (Superstars is operating until 3.45pm)

4 January 22 Inset day school closed for pupils

5 January Spring term starts – welcome back!

10 January Clubs and squads re-start

